

## IS OUT.

Wm. J. Bryan Declares He is  
Not a Presidential Can-  
didate.But Says He Intends to Take a  
Hand in Naming the Nomi-  
nee of His Party.

Lincoln, Neb., April 26.—In the Commoner of to day, Editor William Jennings Bryan has a leading editorial devoted to himself. In it he says he will not be a candidate for the Presidency in 1904, but expects, through the Commoner, to take a hand in deciding who will be the nominee of the party. He disclaims having any personal animosity against his political opponents, and says he intends to stick by the platform made at Chicago in 1896 and in Kansas City in 1900. His declaration that he will not be a



HON. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

candidate in 1904 will arouse much interest among politicians who have been speculating over Mr. Bryan's future course. The editorial is lengthy and dignified. It is in answer to a recent criticism made in the Springfield, Mass., Republican, in which quite a severe criticism was made on Mr. Bryan's recent editorials concerning Cleveland and Rolla Wells, of St. Louis, and which wound up with a statement that Bryan's course was dictated by his own selfish interests as a candidate for the nomination in 1904. This definite declaration on the part of Mr. Bryan will doubtless clear the political atmosphere considerably in Democratic circles.

## FRANCHISE TAX.

State Board of Assessment Fixes  
Valuation of Railroad Fran-  
chises.

Frankfort, Ky., April 26.—The State Board of Assessment and Valuation has fixed the valuation of the corporate franchises of the various railroads doing business in Kentucky. The board has increased the total of the assessment of the franchises about 38 per cent as compared with last year.

The total assessment is \$153,069.43. It was \$110,944.26 last year. The assessment by roads is as follows:

Louisville & Nashville, \$6,556.44; last year's valuation was \$5,168.583.  
The Illinois Central, \$1,989,870; last year, \$1,902,923.  
Cincinnati Southern, \$3,110,197; last year, \$2,598,853.  
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, \$473,303; last year, \$309,111.  
Southern Railway in Kentucky, \$404,967; last year, \$404,114.  
Mobile & Ohio, \$201,873; last year, \$148,610.  
Chesapeake & Ohio, \$1,171,198; last year, \$1,622,932.  
Lexington & Eastern, \$250,000; no franchise valuation last year.  
Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis, \$159,025; no valuation last year.

Total tangible property of the roads increased last year from \$5,005,207 to \$50,958,943, and the value of capital from \$57,099,633 to \$55,886. The valuations are fixed upon an 80 per cent, assessment, and are made over the protest of Secretary of State Hill, who wanted to make valuations upon a basis of 100 per cent.



## THE VACANT CHAIR.

When the little family circle is broken and we sit sadly looking upon the vacant chair, we think of the things that perhaps we might have done to keep the loved one with us. Why not think of these things now before it is too late? Is it a kind, loving and hard-working mother who is giving all her strength and efforts for the family well-being and happiness? Is it a delicate, fragile sister, or a weak and ailing wife? Try to give her the tender care she needs. Do not let her fade away for want of earnest effort to preserve and restore her.

An Ohio lady, Mrs. Shoshine, living in Ballou, Shelby Co., in a thoughtful letter to Dr. R. Y. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., says: "My mother had an ovarian tumor which we thought would result in her death, but we commenced using your 'Favorite Prescription,' and before she had taken three bottles she began to improve; she is living to-day and we have given your medicine credit. My mother was sixty-six years old when the tumor commenced to grow; she is seventy-six now and the tumor is all gone. She had gotten awful large, and her limbs began to swell before she began to use your medicine. I value it so much that I am hardly ever out of it in my house."

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## WHY HE NEVER MARRIED.

The image of His Dead Fiancee  
Never Faded From His  
Heart.

"Mr. Buchanan, who was the first bachelor elected to the Presidency, was sixty-five years of age when elected, and had deliberately given himself to a life of celibacy," writes William Perring, in the May Ladies' Home Journal. "In the days when he was a young lawyer of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, he had loved Miss Coleman, a beautiful daughter of a citizen of that town. They had been engaged to be married when one day he was surprised to receive from her a request to release her from the promise. According to Mr. George Ticknor Curtis, the separation originated in a misunderstanding on the part of the lady, who was unusually sensitive, over some small matter exaggerated by giddy and indiscreet tongues. Soon after the estrangement she was sent to Philadelphia, and there died suddenly. Throughout the rest of his life, for nearly half a century, Mr. Buchanan is not known to have revealed to anybody the circumstances of this romantic tragedy. He would only say that it had changed his hopes and plans, and had led him more deeply than ever into politics as a distraction from his grief. In his old age, long after he had retired permanently to private life, he called attention to a package containing, he said, the papers and relics which would explain the causes of his youthful sorrow, and preserved evidently with the idea of revealing them before his death. But when he died, and his will read it was found that he had directed that the package should be burned without being opened, and his injunction was obeyed."

## Bob Taylor on "The Morning."

Bob Taylor's apostrophe to sunrise, which is going the rounds of the press, is as follows:

"I saw the morning with the pur-  
quiver and the burnished bow  
stand tiptoe on the horizon, and  
shoot sunbeams at the vanishing  
night, and then reach up and gather  
the stars and hide them in her  
bosom and bend town and tinkle  
the slumbering world with straws  
of light until it awoke with laugh-  
ter and song."

"A thousand bugle calls from the  
rosy fire of the east heralded her  
coming; a thousand smiling mead-  
ows kissed her garments as she  
passed and ten thousand laughing  
gardens unfurled their flowery  
flags to her. The heart of the deep  
forests trobled a tribute to bird  
song and the bright water rippled  
a melody of welcome. Youth and  
love, radiant with joy, came hand-  
in-hand tripping and dancing in  
her shining train, and I wished the  
heaven of morning might last for-  
ever!"

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## USE OF ANAESTHETICS.

Not So Easy from a Criminal Stand-  
point as Usually Imagined.

The curious case of robbery under chloroform, which was decided in London a day or two ago, was followed with great interest by writers on medical jurisprudence. Hitherto, says the London Mail, many such writers have expressed great doubt about these cases, for the process is by no means so easy of use as people think.

Very extravagant ideas prevail among the public as to the power of anaesthetics, owing, perhaps, to the license employed by novelists, when they describe "fancy" cases in their books.

One reads, for instance, of a man in a railway carriage waving a handkerchief before the face of a fellow traveler and producing instantaneous unconsciousness. This is absolutely impossible. Another imaginative writer recently described a murder carried out by pushing a towel saturated with a powerful anaesthetic under the bedroom door of his sleeping victim. This also is nonsense.

In another tale the more feasible plan is carried out of entering the sleeping man's chamber and pouring the anaesthetic on the bed, the murderer standing by and watching his victim die. But even this stretching the truth rather severely.

The true facts about chloroform and its companion anaesthetic, ether, are as follows:

First, with regard to administering the drug during sleep. Doctors have made very exhaustive experiment, for it would be of great advantage to a patient on whom an operation has to be performed to chloroform him while asleep, and save him the horror which so many people have of the inhalation, and they sum up the results showing that very rarely can chloroform be administered to a sleeping person without awakening him. Grown people are, with the rarest exception, awakened by the irritating fumes. If a man were very tired, and if his nose were naturally insensitive to unpleasant odors, and especially if he were under the influence of drink, it might be possible to make him unconscious while asleep. But not even every doctor could do it. The operation would require the highest skill. And the most skillful administrator would succeed only once in a hundred times.

If we take the case of spilling the chloroform in a room and thus impregnating all the air of the room, the thing is out of the question. Yet not only do novelists assert that this can be done, but many people have been actually charged in real life with doing it—for the purpose of blackmailing them for injuring them or perhaps to throw off suspicion from the pretended victim who has committed the robbery himself. If the room measures, say, 12 feet square and is nine feet high it would probably take a gallon of chloroform spilled on the floor to make a man unconscious. All the chinks and crannies would have to be stopped up first, moreover, and the operator himself would have to be poison proof or he also would succumb.

As a matter of fact, the only way to render a person unconscious by the use of chloroform is in the way practiced by surgeons in the operating room. And this is by no means an easy task. There are several ways of doing it. The chloroform may be dropped on a handkerchief, which is then held over the face at some little distance, or it may be dropped on a sponge, or it may be used in one of the innumerable machines invented for the purpose. But the vapor must be mixed with air before it is breathed. That is the reason the handkerchief or the sponge is held some inches from the face. As a rule, it takes from five to eight minutes to make the person unconscious, and during this time he generally struggles very violently.

It is probable that many of the charges of chloroforming which have been made are false. Sometimes the pretended victim asserts that he has become unconscious immediately. But it has been shown in evidence that the time necessary to bring about this result is at least four or five minutes. Sometimes he says he could not cry out; yet he describes all the circumstances of the administration minutely. Now, the first effect of the chloroform is to produce confusion of the mind, while, on the other hand, the patient can cry out almost up to the last. He becomes mentally confused before he loses the power of speech. These few facts are sufficient perhaps to demonstrate that some charges of possible chloroforming are necessarily untrue.

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Piano Solo—Valse.....Miss Davidson.  
Song—"Good Bye".....Tasti  
Miss Willis.  
Reading—The Ride of Jennie Mc-  
Neal.....Carleton  
Miss Davidson.  
Song—Annie Laurie.....Miss Rivera.  
Piano Solo—(a) Prelude.....Chopin  
(b) Hark! the  
Lark.....Liszt  
Miss Rives.  
Reading—Jane Conquest.....Mrs. Lacy.  
Piano Solo—Melody.....Rubenstein  
Miss Davidson.  
Vocal Duet—You Know You Do.....Holst  
Miss Fanny Lacy and Master  
Daryl Bogard.  
Piano Solo—Faust.....Gunof.  
Miss Willis.  
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